

OF THE SCHOOLS

Pamphlet on Education Being Sent Abroad.

PREPARED BY AN EXPERT

An Ambitious Beginning—Compulsory System—Independent Schools—Great Interest.

A pamphlet of ten pages on "Education in the Hawaiian Islands," is being sent abroad by the Foreign Office. The work is "A Brief Statement of the present condition of the public and private schools of the Republic," Dr. C. T. Rodgers, Secretary of the Department of Public Instruction, prepared the paper. Following is the introduction:

It was a fortunate thing for the cause of education in these islands that so large a proportion of the earlier white settlers came from the most intelligent and substantial of English speaking people. Many of these men identified themselves thoroughly with their adopted country and took active and leading parts in guiding the infant state on its course from barbarism to civilization, and in devising a civil polity and social order to replace the aboriginal feudal despotism. In nothing is this wise foresight and breadth of view of these men more manifest than in their having made early, and in proportion to the limited resources of the country at the time, liberal provision for education; the education, not of a small or a favored few, but of the whole people.

In 1821, about two years after the arrival of the first Christian teachers, the first spelling book was published. This may be regarded as the beginning of systematic popular education. In 1841 a school was established by the American Missionaries at Punahoa, in the vicinity of Honolulu. This school originally intended by the missionaries for their own children has developed into what is now known as Oahu College. As early as 1843 the school work of the islands was considered of sufficient importance to be organized as a department of the Government and put in charge of a cabinet minister.

Within ten or twelve years from the advent of the first missionaries, schools had become general throughout the country. The seminary at Lahaina, on Maui, was started in 1831, and still exists as a Government school, combining academic instruction with industrial and manual training. A Government reformatory school was founded in 1845, and in the same year an Act passed the Legislative Assembly constituting a Board of Education and organizing the public school system of the country on lines so well chosen as to have served their purpose fairly well without any radical changes since to the present time. A little over a year ago, the Legislature again raised what had been for some 20 years a bureau of the Government, to the rank of an Executive Department, making the Minister of Foreign Affairs ex-officio Minister of Public Instruction, and associating with him as Commissioners, the Minister and Commissioners together constituting a Board having full control of all public educational interests.

It will be seen from the above that the interest of the leading men of Hawaii and of the Government as such in the cause of popular education has not been at all of a spasmodic or fitful kind, but has represented a settled policy, pursued systematically and persistently for over half a century.

As a result of this policy, we find education in the Hawaiian Islands today to be universal, compulsory and free. The law makes it obligatory upon all children between the ages of six and fifteen years to attend school regularly unless excused for sickness or some other equally valid cause, and makes no distinction as to race, color or class. It is entirely optional with parents and guardians whether children be sent to public or independent schools, but to school they must go, and that with at least a reasonable degree of regularity.

The theory being that the Government is responsible for seeing that all children within its jurisdiction receive a certain amount of education, it follows logically that the Government should see to it that all schools in the country are in proper hands and capable of imparting the instruction required.

The Government does not undertake to exercise direct control over private or independent schools, but no such school can be established without complying with certain statutory requirements and obtaining a formal authorization from the Department of Public Instruction. A person wishing to open a school must make application in writing, furnishing satisfactory evidence as to moral character and scholarship, and have the same accompanied by a petition for such a school in the locality named, signed by a reasonable number of those whose children are expected to attend.

A pamphlet goes to each member of the United States Congress, to libraries in America and to persons and societies in Europe.

HOW THEY VOTED.

Van Wyck's Plurality Over Low Is Large.

Late papers give the following figures of the election for Mayor of New York: In Greater New York Van Wyck polled 228,752 votes, Low 146,821, Tracy 100,096; George 30,286 and Gleason 7,680. Van Wyck's plurality over Low is 86,931, and Low's plurality over Tracy is 45,825.

The combined vote of Low and Tracy in Greater New York is 14,067 greater



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than Van Wyck's vote, showing that the Republicans and Citizens' Union combined. In the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, the present New York city, Van Wyck has a plurality of 7517 over the combined Low and Tracy vote.

RATE IS REDUCED

Mattson Line Gives Hilo a Better Figure.

Bid for More San Francisco Trade. Building at Puueo—Town Limits—Wharf.

(Special Correspondence.)

HILO, Hawaii, November 17.—Building operations are going ahead on Waimanalo street and the end of the year will see many changes in Hilo.

The Wharf is having the attention of Superintendent Terry and a gang of 24 workmen. The timbers necessary for it form a portion of a schooner's cargo now enroute. It is expected that the temporary wharf will be finished before the end of the year.

The owners of the Mattson line will build a large warehouse at Waikaka for storing goods discharged from their vessels, and unless the contemplated wharf is large enough to accommodate their vessels, they will erect one of their own, as the damage to freight through handling by the present means is too great to continue. They have notified shippers of a reduction of 75 cents per ton in freight rates between San Francisco and Hilo. This means that unless different arrangements with the Wilder's S. S. Co. can be made by Honolulu merchants they will lose more of the Hilo trade.

Building at Puueo is going ahead rapidly. This will be the swell residence portion of Hilo, once the approach to the place is improved. Contractors Bashaw and Givins are erecting fine residences there. The next Legislature will be asked to appropriate sufficient money for a steel bridge across the Waikaka river leading to this section of the city as the present one is considered unsafe.

A meeting of citizens was called on Wednesday to consider town limits, with a view to keeping slaughter house, laundries and pig pens outside. A committee was appointed to confer with the butchers and report to Dr. Moore, president of the Board of Health, later.

Miss Marks, nurse at the Hilo hospital, who was severely injured by a fall ten days ago, from which she suffered spinal trouble, is convalescing, though still very ill.

Queen's Hospital Report.

The report of the Superintendent of the Queen's Hospital for the biennial period ending June 30, 1897, has just been printed by the Trustees. During the two years, 1,358 patients have been treated. They represent 28 different nationalities treated for an aggregate number of 19 diseases. The total of 128 deaths gives a percentage of about 9.41. Out of the total number, 760 were pay patients. From them was collected \$21,357.25. The current expenses for the same period were \$39,561.92. Three endowed beds have been occupied during the whole period, and one, the Fannie M. Irwin bed, since February of this year. Extensive alterations have been completed to afford better facilities for carrying on the work.

Hilo's Wharf.

W. E. Rowell, Superintendent of Public Works, left for Kau on the Mauna Loa yesterday morning. He will go overland from there to Hilo where he goes to boom along the work on the new Hilo wharf. Mr. Rowell will be gone about a week, returning on one of the smaller island boats.

Fooled His Friends.

Up until 8 o'clock Saturday night the friends of a well-known young man in town thought they had the richest kind of a joke on him, taking it for

granted that he had gone out on the Gaelic with the expectation of returning on the pilot boat. Now it happened, the boat did not go out since the pilot, M. N. Sanders, went on the Gaelic to San Francisco. The young man had heard of the joke the boys thought they had on him so he remained out of sight until the hour mentioned when he walked among some of them, like an apparition and the joke was on the other side.

TO MR. PETTIGREW.

The Senator Receives an Address From the League.

The following brief address was presented to Senator Pettigrew on Saturday by a special committee of the American League:

Headquarters American League of the Republic of Hawaii.
Honolulu, H. I., Nov. 16, 1897.
Senator R. F. Pettigrew.

Dear Sir:—The American League of Hawaii wishes to request you as an American citizen to give consideration in the following:

This organization has three objects: (1) The dissemination in these islands of those principles of Freedom and Equality which inspired the Declaration of Independence and upon which the American Constitution is based. (2) Active support of the Republic of Hawaii. (3) Unceasing effort to secure the closer political union of our mother country and this our adopted land.

The very great majority, whose names are upon our rolls are workmen who have been here more than five years, and who, with their families, are permanent residents.

This society, founded in 1893, is separate and distinct from any other local organization. It gives no thought to political parties or religious beliefs.

We are an important part of this community. We believe in fair play. We will not wrong any man or any people.

We say to you as our honest statement that annexation, while especially dear as a tenet to us, appears to be the logical outcome of the advance in this ocean of American civilization and commerce.

We hope and trust that annexation will soon be accomplished.

JOHN GRACE.

Resolutions Adopted by the Company of Sharpshooters.

Resolved: That in the death of John Grace, the First Company of Sharpshooters of Hawaii, of which he was a staunch and worthy member, has suffered a loss much to be lamented. As a member of the Company and as a citizen, he was ever alert and ready to respond to the call of duty, and to do his share in the support of order and good government. His relations with every member of the Company were ever most friendly and cordial, and in his death the members of the Company feel that they have lost a good man and brave comrade.

Resolved: That the members of the Company express their heartfelt sympathy with his family in their sudden bereavement.

Resolved: That these resolutions be spread on the minutes and that an engraved copy be transmitted to his family.

Hotel Again

It leaked out yesterday that the project for a big new metropolitan hotel at the corner of Bereketan and Fort is only slumbering and that it is likely to take tangible form any day now. Subscriptions amounting to \$75,000 are required to warrant procedure. Of this amount \$30,000 has been pledged by two men and at least five other citizens of means have so far expressed the intention of going into the enterprise. Mr. Deaky says he has nothing for publication at present. Construction would involve a central building with the Progress block as one wing and a duplicate of the building now under way as the second wing.

HOW TO CURE BILIOUS COLIC.

I suffered for weeks with colic and pains in my stomach, caused by biliousness, and had to take medicine all the while until I used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy which cured me. I have since recommended it to a good many people. MRS. F. BUTLER, Fairhaven, Conn. Persons who are subject to bilious colic can ward off the attack by taking this remedy as soon as the first symptoms appear. Sold by all druggists and dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., agents for Hawaiian Islands.

Mrs. A. Emogene Paul.

Many women have held important positions under State and municipal Governments. They have served mainly on school boards or reform commissions. Mrs. A. Emogene Paul has begun a work of reform but it is in the interests of sanitary improvements. She has recently been appointed a street-cleaning commissioner of one of the down town districts of Chicago. She is a New York woman by birth. Her family moved West while she was young and she grew up in Illinois. A few years after her marriage she lost her brothers, her husband and her son by death, all within a few months of one another. She at once devoted her life to the lessening of the misery of other people.

The New York Tribune says of her work from its beginning: Mrs. Paul moved to Chicago to have a broad field for her philanthropy. She became a member of the Civic Federation—a reformatory organization which was organized for the good of the town by Secretary Lyman J. Gage. The society needed workers who would be honest under fire, and who would be fearless in the search for dishonesty. Mr. Gage accepted the services of Mrs. Paul, and for three or four years she wore the badge of authority equal to that of a policeman. All the sanitary crusades were entrusted to her. She picked out the worst parts of the city, and spent her days there. A dozen garbage contractors were forced by her to give up their contracts for failure to comply with the agreements. She dug into the filthy basements in the foreign settlements and found bakers making bread which was breeding disease. This manner of thing was stopped by an ordinance she prepared. A big combination was about to close a deal for years by which each man in it should get rich out of work for the Health Department. Mrs. Paul stepped into the Council Committee with proofs which knocked the project into a cocked hat and saved the city another big scandal.

It was her ambition to get a chance at the downtown streets. The only way to get the chance was to take the Civil Service examination. This was easy. She passed the questions with a grade of a fraction more than 98 per cent, the highest in the history of the Board. Mayor Harrison and Commissioner McGann wanted a change in the management of the central sweeping plan. The only way to get such a change was to make a new appointment. The Civil Service people sent in Mrs. Paul's name as the one next in line. The Mayor was delighted and she was appointed forthwith.

A book was written on "The Radish" before the Christian era. The ancient Greeks used to offer turnips, beets and radishes in their oblations to Apollo. The first they offered in dishes of lead, the second in silver, but the third was offered in "vessels of beaten gold."

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